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SUBJECT: GOLF CARTS OR SIMILAR VEHICLES

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1. THE MARKET IN SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT WARRANT LARGE SCALE MANUFACTURE OF THIS TYPE OF VEHICLE. THE BIGGEST USERS, OF SOMEWHAT SIMILAR VEHICLES, THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND HARBORS, RECENTLY CALLED FOR TENDERS WHICH CALLED FOR THE SUPPLY OF 84 SMALL TROLLEY-TYPE VEHICLES FOR DOCKSIDE USE, OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD.

2. TWO COMPANIES WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AS INVOLVED IN THIS TYPE OF MANUFACTURE ARE:

ELECTRIC VEHICLES (PTY) LIMITED

P.O. BOX 5080, BENONI SOUTH 1502

CONTACT: R. STEVENSON - MANAGING DIRECTOR

ELECTRIC VEHICLES ASSEMBLES 1.5 HORSEPOWER VEHICLES OF SIMILAR DIMENSIONS TO THOSE CITED IN REFTEL. CONTROLS ARE MANUFACTURED LOCALLY BUT MOTORS ARE IMPORTED. AT PRESENT 30-40 VEHICLES MANUFACTURED PER ANNUM AND COSTS, INCLUDING BATTERY AND CHARGER, ARE R3,200 (R1.00 EQUALS U.S. \$1.15) SELLING UNCLASSIFIED

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PRICE AND R2,800 COST PRICE. COMPANY WILL FORWARD PRODUCT LITERATURE WHICH WILL BE AIRMAILED TO DEPARTMENT UPON RECEIPT.

HUBERT DAVIES HEAVY ENGINEERING (PTY) LTD

P.O. BOX 1159

JOHANNESBURG 2000

CONTACT: B. GALLEY - GENERAL MANAGER, ELECTRICAL VEHICLES

THIS COMPANY MANUFACTURES (USING MOTORS IMPORTED FROM
COMPTON OF UK AND PRESTOLITE OF TOLEDO, OHIO) ELECTRIC
VEHICLES FOR MINING USE. ONLY EQUIPMENT IN GOLF CART RANGE
IS 4 SEATER WITH 5 HORSEPOWER FOR UNDERGROUND USE. THIS
MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR PURPOSES OF COMPARISON
AS NUMBER OF ADAPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES (SUCH AS FLAMEPROOFING)
NECESSARY FOR UNDERGROUND USE PUSH UP MANUFACTURING COSTS
WHICH MEANS SELLING VEHICLE IN REGION OF R7,800. JOHNSON

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